



CIRCLE OF HOPE

Helping to build a brighter future for people in need

## March 2019

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### Coming Up



Circle of Hope's spring fundraiser, HOPE Blooms, takes place **Saturday, May 11 at 7:00 p.m.** Stay tuned for more details!

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### Drop-Off Times

Monday  
9:00 - 11:00 am

Tuesday  
9:00 - 11:00 am  
3:00 - 5:00 pm

Wednesday  
9:00 - 11:00 am  
3:00 - 5:00pm

Thursday  
9:00 - 11:00 am

Saturday (Sept.-June)

### Dear Friends of Circle of Hope,

The floor of Circle of Hope's donation room was full every day throughout February! Thank you to all the incredibly generous donors who shopped online from our Amazon Winter Wish List! We helped protect hundreds of children and adults from extreme weather with the new winter hats, insulated gloves/mittens and boots you purchased. With help from community collection drives and businesses like Charles River Apparel, we will continue giving out hundreds more warm coats throughout the month of March and are on track to break last year's record of 4,400 coats delivered to children and adults who are homeless.

I'm pleased to introduce our two newest Board members, Courtney Doyle and Philip Shapiro. Courtney is the Director of Marketing at Beaumont Capital Management (BCM), a boutique ETF strategist in Needham. Courtney's responsibilities include brand management, strategic business development, product and digital marketing strategy, client education, sales support, and directing the creation of online and print marketing communications and sales materials. Phil is the Interim VP for Administration & Finance/CFO at Emerson College. Previously, he served as Interim CFO at Simmons College, Trinity College and Perkins School for the Blind. We are thrilled to have them join Circle of Hope's Board.

Below, you'll read about our upcoming fundraiser, HOPE Blooms, which takes place on Saturday, May 11 at 7:00 p.m. Please join us for a fun evening at Needham Golf Club!

### With a grateful heart,

Barbara Waterhouse  
Executive Director

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**Celebrate 10 Years of Impact At HOPE Blooms**

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## Special Requests



- **Sleepers** for babies 0-6 months (gender neutral)

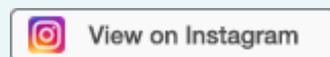
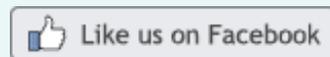
Now, you can donate winter essentials to Circle of Hope through our Amazon wish list! [Click here to view the list and purchase items.](#)

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## Support COH

To make a financial contribution to Circle of Hope, [click here.](#)

Connect with us on social media. Like and share our posts to help spread the word about COH.



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## You Must Hear This..

"Circle of Hope's donations help homeless moms, dads, and children stay warm throughout the year and provide a key resource we can't get anywhere



Spring is coming and so is Circle of Hope's annual fundraising event, HOPE Blooms! On Saturday, May 11, at 7:00 p.m., please join us for a fun night at Needham Golf Club to support homeless children, women, and men and celebrate Circle of Hope's 10th Anniversary year!



We are excited to announce [Charles River Apparel](#) is our generous **Presenting Sponsor** for Hope Blooms this year! Charles River Apparel has supported the thousands of homeless individuals we serve for many years by regularly donating brand new jackets, warm fleece, and clothing to Circle of Hope. They sponsored HOPE Blooms in both 2017 and 2018 and we are excited and grateful to have them as our Presenting Sponsor this year.

We also have a \$25,000 challenge to all new HOPE Blooms sponsors. Every dollar you donate will be matched \$1 for \$1 up to \$25,000! **Please take the challenge and support COH!**

Last year, HOPE Blooms raised \$87,000, enabling us to provide clothing and necessities to 6,600 homeless individuals in 2018 - a 20% increase over the previous year.

Invitations to HOPE Blooms will be mailed soon and tickets go on sale later this month, so keep an eye on your mailbox! For more information about HOPE Blooms, including sponsorship opportunities, visit our website at [www.circleofhopeonline.org/events](http://www.circleofhopeonline.org/events).

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## Circle of Hope Receives Grant from The 200 Foundation

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**-Rebekka Hayes,  
Clinton Street Shelter  
Director**

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## Parking Update

Due to an ongoing construction project, parking is currently restricted on Rosemary Street in front of Circle of Hope. Donors can still pull over briefly to drop off donations - just be sure to leave your hazards on while you come inside!

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We are proud and honored to share that **The 200 Foundation** has awarded Circle of Hope a \$2,500 grant! These important funds will support our Welcome Baby Program, Dignity Project, and Emergency Response Program.

We will be able to provide Welcome Baby Bags and porta-cribs to more homeless newborns in Boston and Metro West, giving them a safe place to sleep and the essentials they need to get a healthy start. By funding the Dignity Project, this grant enables us to give toiletries and new socks to more homeless adults in our partner shelters. The grant will also allow us to respond quickly to emergency requests from our partner shelters, helping families displaced by fires, domestic violence, and other crises.

We are very grateful to The 200 Foundation for this generous grant and we look forward to using it to help more homeless individuals and families this year!

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## Needham Rotary Club Helps Homeless Individuals Stay Warm



In recent months, the Needham Rotary has helped homeless individuals in many ways. They assembled and donated 11 Welcome Baby Bags to Circle of Hope last fall. They donated brand new socks for homeless adults, collected clothing from friends and neighbors, and donated \$1,000 worth of clothing and winter accessories earlier this winter. They even asked us for specific requests so they could use the money to purchase exactly what was needed.

Last week, the Rotarians came to Circle of Hope to sort winter coats. In just one hour, they sorted and bagged 350 winter coats for homeless children, women, and men! We delivered 100 coats the next morning and will send the rest in the coming weeks.

Since early fall, the Rotary Club of Needham has helped nearly 1,000 homeless individuals stay warm, dry, and healthy through their generous volunteer efforts and donations to Circle of Hope. Thank you so much to the Needham Rotary for your thoughtful donations and for taking the time to assemble Welcome Baby Bags, purchase brand new clothing and accessories, and sort coats!

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## Community Action



The students and staff of **Needham Extended Day Program** held a sock drive and donated dozens of pairs of socks for homeless men (left). **B in Touch Massage Therapy** also held a monthlong sock drive in February for Circle of Hope again this year and donated more than 200 pairs of new socks (right). They presented Circle of Hope with a generous monetary donation as well. Thank you to Bonnie and her clients for their generous support!



An expectant mother named Marykate (left) used her own baby shower as an opportunity to help homeless moms and babies. As a shower activity, Marykate and her guests collected newborn essentials and assembled 12 Welcome Baby Bags for Circle of Hope (right). Thank you, Marykate, for celebrating your little one on the way by giving the gift of health to homeless newborns!

The **Rotary Club of Westwood** held another collection drive benefitting Circle of Hope. In just a few hours, they collected enough clothing, shoes, linens, and toiletries to fill the floor of our donation room! **Patagonia Boston** has generously shipped large boxes filled with hundreds of jackets and coats to Circle of Hope throughout the winter.

A local Brownie troop made ten fleece blankets for homeless children and donated them to Circle of Hope for Valentine's Day.



Longtime Circle of Hope supporter Cory Serrano (left) gathered clothing from The Wilbur Theatre and donated it to COH last month. A thoughtful family shipped a box of several dozen knit baby hats all the way from Minnesota to Circle of Hope (right). Thank you to the Crissinger family for your warm gifts for homeless babies!

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